

I oppose any FCC action that loosens existing limits on the number of stations and other media outlets that one entity can own. Such limits as exist are already overly permissive and harmful to the common citizen. Freedom of speech can only work to best advantage in a democracy when a variety of voices can be heard. Ownership by the few of multiple media outlets acts to restrict the number of voices and thus restricts a citizen's ability to gather information from different points of view.

The argument that such multiple points of view are now available because of the number of cable channels and internet sites is sheer sophistry, since most of those outlets are ultimately controlled one way or another by the same moneyed interests. To say that buying up media outlets is an exercise in freedom is at best ill-considered and thoughtless, and at worst a deliberate attempt to mis-use language in an attempt to keep thoughtful people from asking too many questions. Interests who knowingly mis-use language to my face wish me harm, and I urge the FCC to show some backbone and deny these interests in their attempt to control what information is available to us in a democracy. I once again urge the FCC to oppose any and all efforts to further loosen the already overly permissive limits on people and corporate entities' ability to own multiple media outlets.